

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 555

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to recognize *The Daily Times* of Blount County on its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize and honor noteworthy sources of public broadcast and print media which consistently and reliably inform the people of news in their community, their state, their nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, one such news outlet is Blount County's daily newspaper, *The Daily Times*, which was founded in 1883 and recently celebrated its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

WHEREAS, First called *The Maryville Times*, the newspaper was first published by A.J. Neff; and

WHEREAS, as America entered the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, *The Daily Times* gave roughly equal coverage to global as well as local news; updates from local soldiers fighting in the Philippines as well as the Boxer Rebellion in China were covered regularly. News of a local flavor touched on matters such as deaths resulting from longstanding, family feuds and the development and impact of the Tennessee Valley Authority on the region; and

WHEREAS, in 1938, headlines included in the commemorative special section focused on a high-profile killing case of a police officer, the laying of the cornerstone of Maryville High School, and the growth in popularity of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park; and

WHEREAS, local newspapers such as *The Daily Times* have been called a community's first draft of its history, and this legislative body is deeply invested in the preservation of history of the communities and people of this State. It is wholly fitting that we recognize Blount County's daily news periodical; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we recognize *The Daily Times* of Blount County, congratulate the newspaper's publisher and the entire organization on the occasion of its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary, recognizing its place in the history of Blount County and the State of Tennessee and extending our best wishes for many more years of commendable service..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.